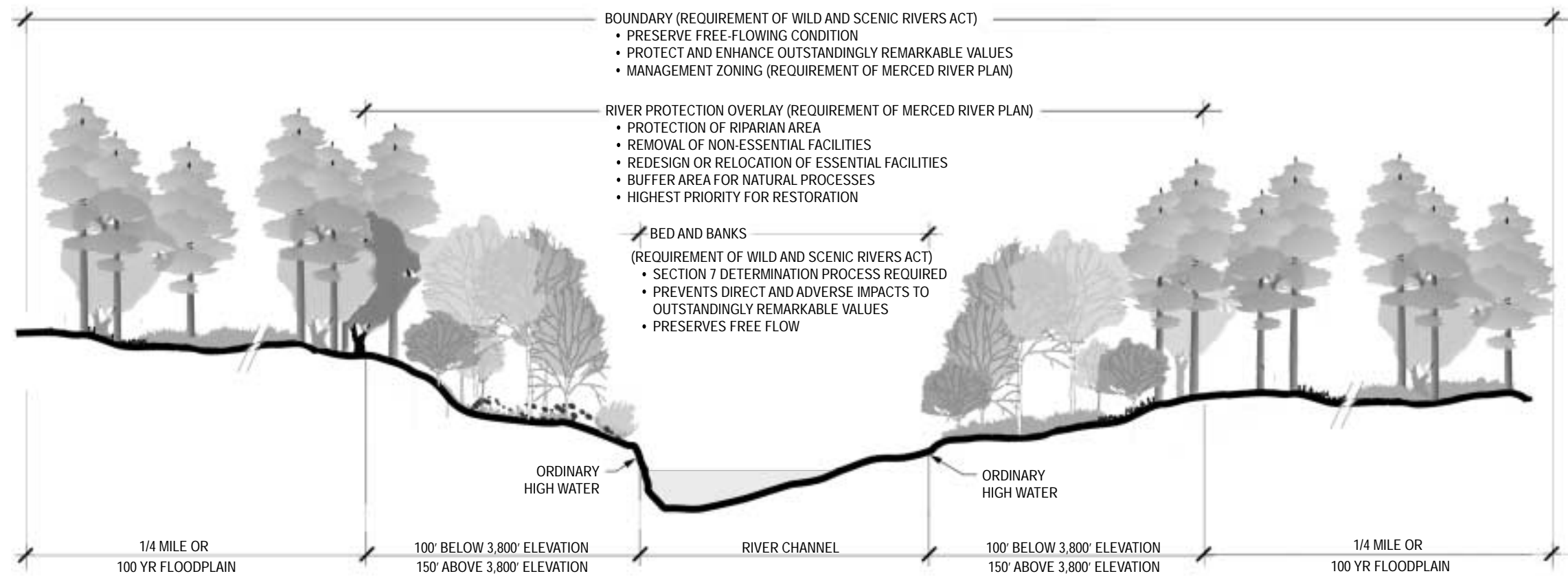


Merced Wild and Scenic River Cross-Section



Merced River Plan Requirements Checklist

The direction offered by the Merced River Plan depends on a project's location. Management protection under the plan becomes more rigorous with proximity to the river. For example, certain management elements (such as the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Section 7 determination and the River Protection Overlay) are specifically applicable to projects within the bed and banks of the Merced River or the River Protection Overlay, but are not necessarily applicable to projects within or outside the Wild and Scenic River boundaries (not including the area within or outside the River Protection Overlay). The following checklist outlines the requirements of the Merced River Plan for projects occurring in various locations and can be used as a guide to determine which elements of this plan apply to a specific project.

Projects within the **bed and banks** of the Merced River must adhere to the following elements:

- ☐ Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Section 7 determination, if free-flow could be affected
- ☐ Consistent with River Protection Overlay
- ☐ Consistent with management zoning and classifications
- ☐ Protects and enhances the values for which the river was designated Wild and Scenic
- ☐ Consistent with the VERP framework
- ☐ Complies with Requirements for Project Implementation, where applicable (see Appendix B)

Projects within the **River Protection Overlay** (within 100 feet of ordinary high water below 3,800-foot elevation; within 150 feet of ordinary high water above 3,800-foot elevation) must adhere to the following elements:

- ☐ Consistent with River Protection Overlay
- ☐ Consistent with management zoning and classifications
- ☐ Protects and enhances the values for which the river was designated Wild and Scenic
- ☐ Consistent with the VERP framework
- ☐ Complies with Requirements for Project Implementation, where applicable (see Appendix B)

Projects **within the Wild and Scenic River boundaries** (within the 100-year floodplain in El Portal, and within one-quarter mile of the river for the rest of the corridor) must adhere to the following elements:

- ☐ Consistent with management zoning and classifications
- ☐ Protects and enhances the values for which the river was designated Wild and Scenic
- ☐ Consistent with the VERP framework
- ☐ Complies with Requirements for Project Implementation, where applicable (see Appendix B)

Projects **outside the Wild and Scenic River boundaries** (outside the 100-year floodplain in El Portal, and further than one-quarter mile from the river for the rest of the corridor) must adhere to the following elements:

- ☐ Does not degrade the values for which the river was designated Wild and Scenic
- ☐ Complies with Requirements for Project Implementation, where applicable (see Appendix B)
- ☐ Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Section 7 determination for water resources projects within the bed and banks of tributaries of the Merced River